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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8, 10, 11, and 13 are pending in the above-identified application and under

consideration. Claims 1, 3-8, and 11 were rejected. Specifically, claims 1 and 7 were rejected

under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wolf (U.S. Patent No. 3,524,921) in view of

Chiu et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0178221); Claims 3, 4, 8 and 11 were rejected under 35

U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wolf in view of Chiu et al. as applied to claim 1 above.

and further in view of Richter (U.S. Patent No. 3,168,617); and Claims 5 and 6 were rejected

under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wolf in view of Chiu et al. as applied to claim

1 above, and further in view of Shelton, Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 3,408,453).

Claims 10 and 13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

However, the Examiner has found that claims 10 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in

independent form including all of the limitation of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Applicant has hereby cancelled claims 1, 3-8, and 11, and rewritten claims 10 and 13 in

independent form including all of the limitation of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicant also reserves the right to pursue the cancelled claims in a divisional application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for

allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted.

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